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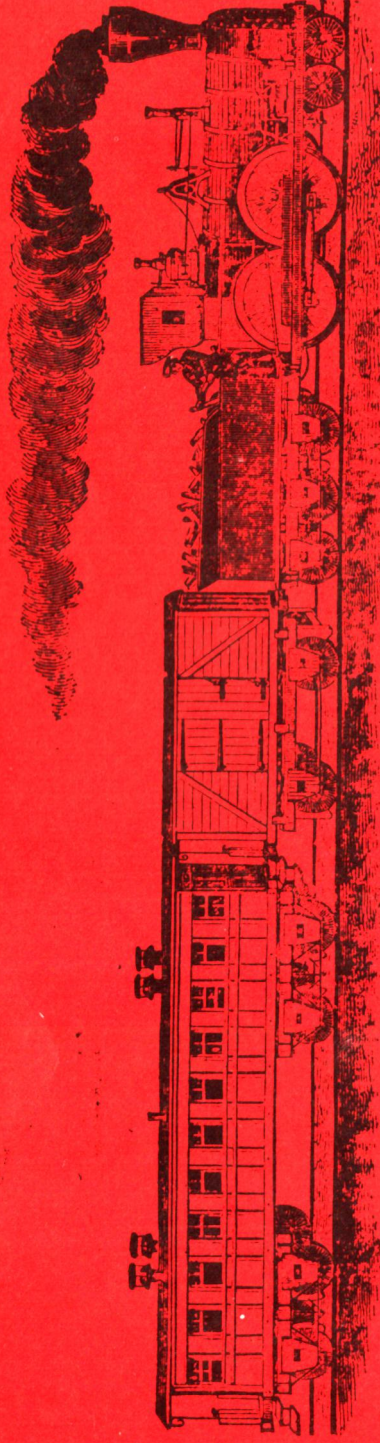


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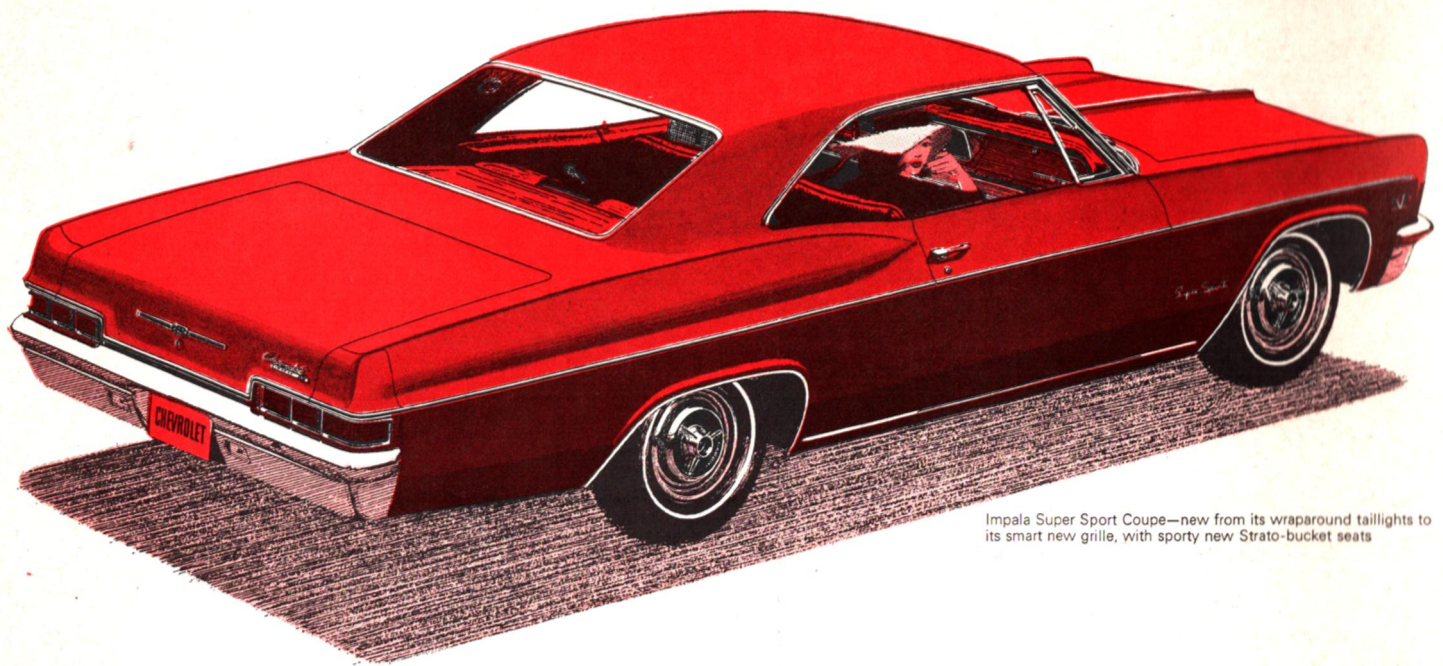
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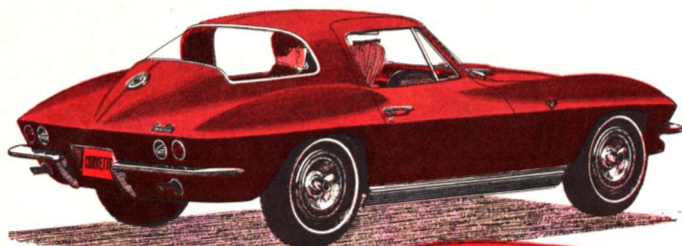
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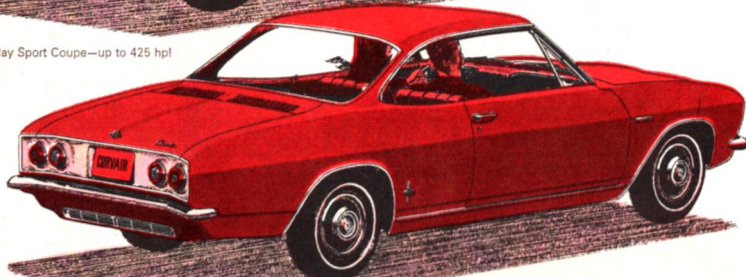
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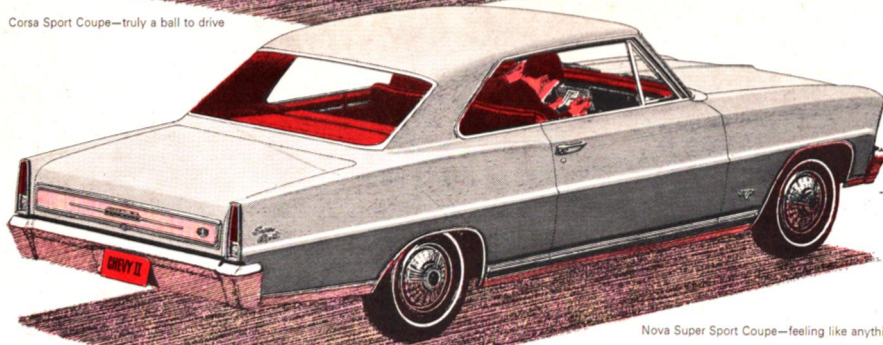
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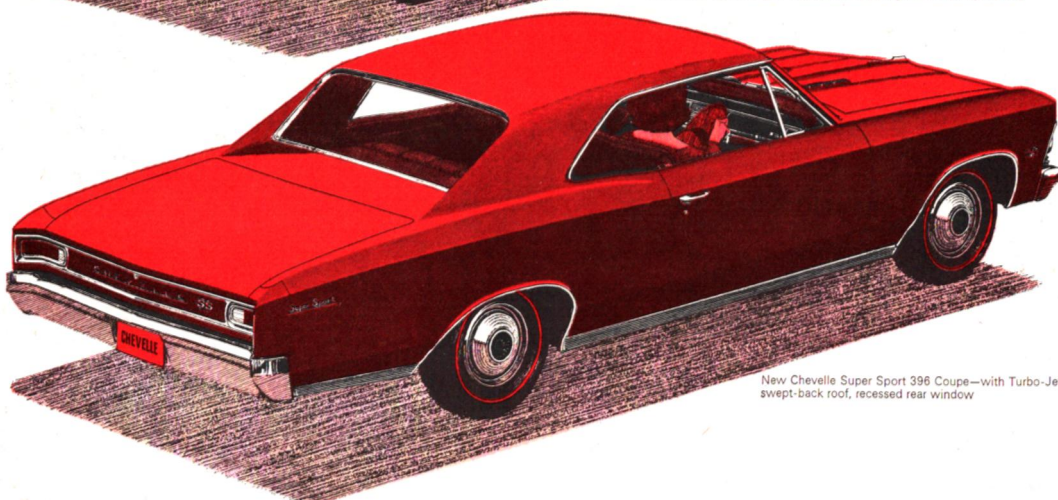
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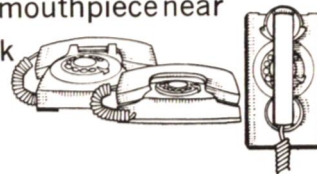
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IN THIS ISSUE—

This month we are proud to present, in cooperation with our advertisers, a Panoramic view of the 1966 automobiles. We are also very happy to present a new article by the too-long-absent-from-our-pages-Historical Editor, Roy Kulp. We think as highly of Roy and his wonderful articles as most of you do, so we promise to try to persuade him to appear on these pages more frequently.

TRAVELING BY STAGE-COACH

BY ROY C. KULP

The rumbling of a Stage-Coach over a dirt-stone road is a sound of yesteryears, unfamiliar to most people of this Century.

Nearly one-hundred and fifty years ago, in November 1818, the fare by Stage-Coach from Philadelphia to New York was eight dollars, a good week's wages for the average workman of that time.

This well-known Philadelphia to New York Stage, owned by Stockton & Howell, traversed Bucks County by way of the Old York Road, passing through present-day Hartsville, Buckingham, Lahaska and New Hope and on through New Jersey. The Stage left Philadelphia every morning except Sundays at Five O'Clock, passing through Bucks County between seven and eight o'clock, depending on the weather and the condition of roads, usually taking about twelve hours one way, arriving in New York before dusk.

Every seat on the Stage was usually reserved, and many travelers disappointedly waited at a stage-stop (generally a Tavern), hoping a seat was vacant, but generally finding the Coach loaded to capacity with travelers, baggage and mail.

For more than a Century, the Stage-Coach was the popular way to travel. Here in Bucks County many different private Stage-Coach companies operated lines that criss-crossed the county from one town to another.

Doylestown could boast of having seven separate and privately-owned stages operating out of the town during the 1880's and 90's.

The first stage-coach came through Doylestown on its way from Easton to Philadelphia on April 29, 1792. It was owned and operated by John Nicholas and made weekly round trips. The fare was \$2 one way.

Competition was very keen, and time was one of the important factors; consequently we find that each stage line proprietor attempted to have his coach in the best running condition and highly polished. His teams of horses were generally high spirited and well groomed.

These early coaching conveyances were variously called and named — "Stage-Waggon," "Stage-Chariot," "Flying Waggon," "Flying Coaches," "Mail Stage-Coach," and the more popular "Stage-Coach."

In the year 1795 a young Englishman named Thomas Twining, who was traveling in America, describes in his diary one of these late 18th century "Stage coaches" that he journeyed on from Philadelphia to Baltimore and Washington, then back to Philadelphia: — "The vehicle was a long car with four benches, three of these in the interior held nine passengers, a tenth passenger was seated by the driver on the front bench. A light roof was supported by eight slender pillars, four on each side. Three leather curtains suspended to the roof, one at each side and the third behind, were rolled up or lowered at the pleasure of the passengers. There was no space for luggage, each person being expected to stow his own things under his seat or legs. There were no backs to the benches to support and relieve us during a rough and fatiguing journey over a newly and ill-made road."

One old timer who lived during the height of the Stage-Coach Era remarked, "It was a grand sight to see the 'Stage' come to town, you could hear it before you saw it; the driver always blew his long tin-horn as he approached his next stop."

The moving of mail was greatly dependent on the Stageline. In 1852, the Postmaster General awarded the following contracts for lines passing through Bucks County for 1 year:

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Philadelphia to Easton J. Peters, Owner	\$997.00
Plymouth Meeting to Doylestown S. J. Paxson, Owner	\$ 80.00
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Doylestown to Trappe W. J. Sibley, Owner	\$155.00
Freemansburg to Doylestown P. O. Link, Owner	\$130.00
Doylestown to Springtown O. P. Link, Owner	\$ 70.00

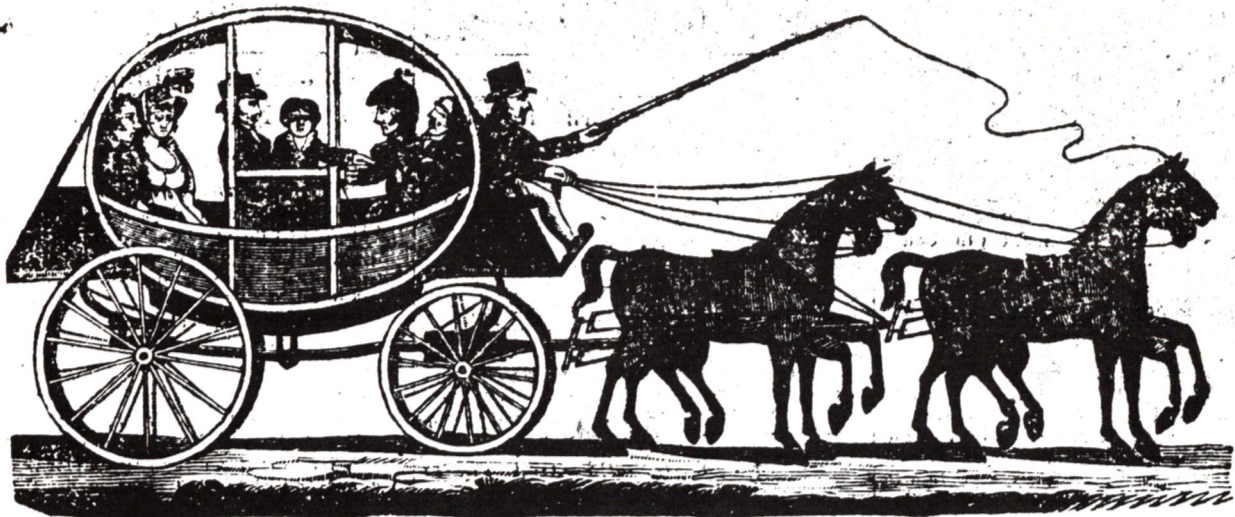
DOYLESTOWN AND NEWTOWN STAGE

The stage left the Fountain House every morning at six o'clock sharp, arriving at Buckingham (known then as Centreville) at 6:35 A.M.; Pineville at 7:15; Penn's Park at 7:50 and arriving at the Brick Tavern in Newtown at 8:50 A.M. Another stage, much slower, left the Fountain House at 1:45 P.M. every afternoon, making more stops and a longer route, arriving at Newtown around five o'clock in the evening.

ABINGTON AND DOYLESTOWN STAGE LINE

During the 1880's a Mr. S.M. Fesmire advertised to his friends and the public that he was running a coach

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For seats apply at the Washington Hall Hotel, South Third street, or at the Post Chaise and Coach Office, No. 43, South Fourth street. The Second Line will leave Philadelphia every day at 12 o'clock, in the steam boat Pennsylvania, lodge at Brunswick, and arrive in New York next morning at 10 o'clock—Fare five dollars. For seats apply as above.

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STEVE

It didn't really happen that way, memory plays tricks on me sometimes, but it seems as though he was sitting on the step waiting for me the first day I came to work at the Panorama Building. Anyway, he started to work on Panorama almost as soon as I did.

A very ambitious boy, Steve,

a 1965 graduate of Central Bucks High School, has become my "right hand man," and I'd like to tell you a little more about him, because I think he's a pretty remarkable boy.

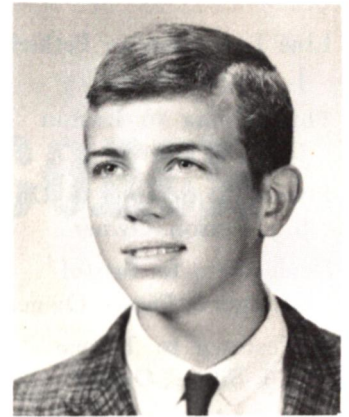
Steve, who lives on West Street in Doylestown, has been a caddy at the Doylestown Country Club for the last three years. He recently became the first caddy from Doylestown to be a recipient of the J. Wood Platt Caddy Scholarship. Forty scholarships are presented to caddies from 28 Philadelphia area golf clubs each year. Steve's scholarship amounts to \$350 and will be applied to his tuition at Kutztown State Teachers College, which he will enter in January.

A scholarship was not enough for Steve, though. To augment his income he has worked this summer on a part-time basis,

at the Acme Market in the Doylestown Shopping Center.

He has also spent a part of this summer in a very interesting and unusual way. His art teacher at Central Bucks, Lou Vernon, was commissioned to do two murals, one at Pennsbury Manor, the other at Kutztown state Teacher's College, and Steve has been assisting him on these two projects. The mural at Kutztown is a fresco done on an outside wall. Steve says that among the fewer than 40 people in the United States who know how to do frescos, Mr. Vernon is one of the best and Steve is very grateful for the opportunity to work with him and learn from him.

Here at the Panorama Building Steve has made himself indispensable. He is flexible enough to be our art department, our



shipping department, our janitorial department, our make-up department and our errand boy all in one.

In his spare time Steve did this picture of the Panorama Building which we think is pretty good, good enough, in fact, to publish — so we did.





Rambling with Russ

by

A. Russell Thomas

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO — 1930

...Courthouse; Commented the late Judge Calvin S. Boyer at the November criminal court in Doylestown before sentencing a Bucks countian charged with a liquor law violation:

"I venture to say that 90 percent, at least, of all the hotels in the country districts, away from towns and cities, violate the law. There is no use for the country hotels that are used simply for speakeasies, and it is our intention to break up this practice.

"A man cannot exist in a country hotel these days by selling clams and oysters and still make a living for his family. What he does is violate the law by selling beer and whiskey and there is no difference in the eyes of the law.

"No matter how high the standing of the man may be in the community — he may be a church member for that matter — the Court has no sympathy for the violator of the law."

I remember quite well, seated at the two-man reporter's desk, hearing the brilliant jurist sentence the violator before him (owner of an East Rockhill Township hotel) to pay a fine of \$300 and costs and serve 30 days in the Bucks County Prison. The police had seized one barrel of beer on tap in the defendant's bar room and six more barrels of beer under the hay in the barn in the rear of the hotel.

* * *

....REMEMBER: Bedminsterville's 30 homes seemed doomed on November 9, 1930, when a \$90,000 fire of unknown origin threatened the entire village but destroyed only the WASSER STORE warehouse and contents....Seventeen fire companies answered the alarm,... A Swedeland (Montgomery county) fireman was instantly killed when hit by a truck — eight firemen were treated in hospitals.

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We like telephones. And we like A.T. & T. — the Bell labs, Western Electric et al — in short we like Ma Bell and the independent phone firms too — even if we don't own stock in any of them.

We don't like *Fact*. (The gentler reader may not know that *Fact* is a new beat magazine published by Ralph Ginzburg who got into trouble with the authorities with his previous publication, *Eros*).

We had discontinued our trial subscription to *Fact* a year ago. We received a letter asking us to keep the subscription going anyway — especially since no refund would be forth-coming. But we're firm in adhering to our principles — (especially where only a few bucks are involved!) So we declined.

But we broke down and paid \$1.25 for the last issue on the newstand (it *should* be the last!), because it had on its cover a misleading quote from its lead article by historian Arnold Toynbee.

Professor Toynbee is worried about U.S. policy in Viet Nam and thinks it is wrong. Our own opinion is that we could and should do much better but Professor Toynbee's suggestion that we let Southeast Asia go Communist would be much worse. However, we think it unfair for *Fact* to quote their author on the cover as saying, "The U.S.A. is becoming the world's number one aggressor and bully," when inside the magazine we find that he really said, "People who have regarded the Soviet Union and China as arch-aggressors and bullies are now beginning to wonder whether the USA is becoming, etc."

Our irritation with *FACT* was accentuated when we found that half the issue was taken up with an immature criticism of A.T. & T. based on real or imaginary incidents of isolated malfunction of equipment or alleged discourtesy on the part of some employees to whom the author had been, professedly, most discourteous indeed.

Even their advertising agencies (with whom we have exchanged pleasant converse) came in for criticism.

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**Pied* — Jumbled type. The mention of business firms, persons, products, and services in these columns is entirely gratuitous by the publisher, who has not been paid for them as advertisements.

RAMBLING WITH RUSS*(continued from page 7)*

"The "mike" of the radio is doing more to bring about the brotherhood of man than a lot of preaching and high pressure speeches," declared Hilton Ira Jones, research chemist of Illinois as he addressed the 75th annual Bucks County Teachers Institute in the Court-house, Doylestown.

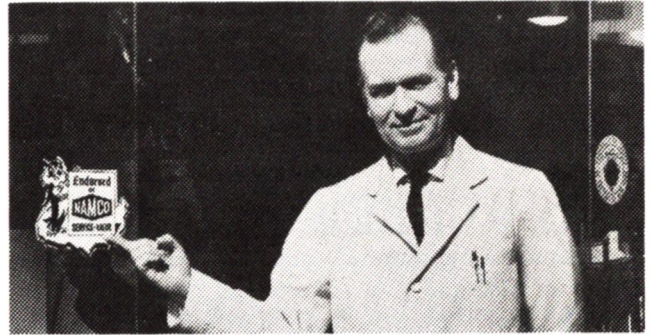
Gene Tunney, exuberant over the legal knockout he scored against Tim Mara, New York sports promoter who sued him for \$526,000 — breach of contract — who didn't get a cent, went into mental training for another court room bout against his next opponent, Max (BooBoo) Hoff, well known Philadelphia character who claimed Tunney owed him \$348,000 as his share of part-earnings on a fight.

....ADVERTISEMENTS: William P. Ely & Son, Doylestown, offered all overcoats in prices ranging from \$20 to \$45...J. J. Conroy offered new Ford sedans for \$600.... Salem Reformed Church (Doylestown) charged but 65 cents for a full course chicken dinner.

....OPTIMISTS: The Optimist Club of Doylestown was presented with a charter at the Fountain Inn with Dr. Allen H. Moore as toastmaster....The new club was welcomed by Doylestown Burgess George S. Hotchkiss, a Rotarian...Over 600 women of the Southeastern District of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs crowded Salem Reformed Church and heard Agnes MacPhail address the group. She was the only woman member of the Canadian Parliament and a delegate to the League of Nations in Geneva.

....HALLOWEEN BAL, 1930: Over 1,000 grownups and children attended the annual Community Halloween Bal in the Doylestown Armory sponsored by the A. R. Atkinson Jr. Post, American Legion, Doylestown. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Barndt, Doylestown; Mrs. Merton N. Yerkes, Buckingham; "Squire" Carney, Jamison, and Edward B. Watson, Doylestown. There were many prize winners but some were Mrs. Charles Smith, Doylestown; Herman Genth and Mrs. Warren Wetzell, Lansdale; Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Mrs. Howard Carver, Chalfont; and George Nensch, Perkasie.

....IN SHORTS: Representing an investment of \$20,000, the new Gulf Refining Company service station, opened at North Main and Church sts., and Lacey Avenue (Five Points) under the management of Horace Overholt....A baby girl was abandoned on Mary Street (Doylestown) fully clothed and wrapped in two blankets on the front porch of the home of Monroe Palzer...The infant

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THE MYSTERY OF THE TWO LITTLE GIRLS AND THE PAISLEY SHAWL

by Lillian Wiley



The little house in the triangle as it appears today.

The pages of history are a fascinating link between past and present, and intertwined we find a continuity, a thread that leads to our very door.

This story begins at a time when war clouds were rolling heavily across our nation, and unrest and fear were constant companions of many. The War between the States was bringing desolation to farmlands, homes and hearts.

Somewhere below the Mason-Dixon line a soldier and his wife met death, no one knows how. Two little girls, their daughters, were left alone and an old family slave took them under his care.

Not knowing where else to turn the old man brought his two young charges north to Doylestown, the County Seat of Bucks.

The manner of their travel, whether by dark of night and weary step, or by friendly conveyance is not known, but it seems that destiny led them to the Court House, where, as was the custom whenever an important event occurred, a bell was rung to summon the townspeople.

The passage of time has obliterated some of the details of our story. The date of their arrival in Doylestown is not known. There must have been a chill in the air, however, because when the two little girls were introduced to the townspeople they were wrapped together in a paisley shawl.

How alone they must have felt in this strange place, facing these unknown people. They clung to the hand of their only friend, the only one who knew the mystery of the two little girls and the paisley shawl.

Among the townfolk was a man named Samuel Green, an industrious citizen, who owned a large piece of property in the triangle between Court and State Streets, west of Hamilton Street. He had a very prosperous wheelwright business in one of the stone buildings there. It was he, touched by the plight of the little girls, who offered his home to one of them. But the sisters clung tightly together beneath their shawl and would not be separated, so Samuel Green took upon himself the rearing of two little girls.

The years passed and the girls grew to womanhood in the home of Samuel Green. Josephine, it is said, was loved by Winfield Donaldson. He was an employee of the *Daily Intelligencer* and he wished to marry her, but she refused because of her frail health. She died at the age of 36 and is buried in the Doylestown Cemetery. Catherine went to Philadelphia and married into the Ash family.

History slowly retraced its steps to the triangle of land between Court and State Streets. A great fire threatened the buildings in the triangle. In a short time flames were shooting through the roofs and great clouds of black smoke rose high in the air. It seemed the whole town turned out to see the fire. The fire engine "Friendship," which was kept in a frame building adjoining the jail wall in Courthouse Park, was brought on the scene. All the townspeople joined in fighting the fire.

The wells in the neighborhood were pumped dry. Fences were cut down to prevent the spread of the fire. The disaster stimulated the demand for better fire protection for the town, resulting in the installation of the borough water system.

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RAMBLING WITH RUSS*(continued from page 9)*

was taken to the Doylestown Emergency Hospital by Chief of Police James (Jimmy) J. Welsh....Two Philadelphia bandits who held up young couples parked along Lover's Lane in Bensalem Township, were given a hearing and held for Bucks county criminal court by Justice of the Peace W. Carlisle Hobensack....Arthur Leatherman was installed as commander of the A. R. Atkinson Jr. Post No. 210, American Legion, Doylestown by District Commander Samuel Spare....Gifford Pinchot (R), was elected Governor of Pennsylvania over John M. Hemphill (D) by over 80,000 plurality....The Doylestown Indoor Golf Course opened at Main Street and Shewell Avenue, where you could play 18 holes for 25 cents (children, 15 cents).

....**OTHER HAPPENINGS:** Burglars broke into the home of Howard F. Keeler, Limekiln Pike, near Eureka and stole household goods valued at \$1,000...The Bucks County Medical Society met at the Fountain House, D-Town, and elected Dr. William F. Weisel, Quakertown, president; Dr. Limford B. Roberts, Wycombe and Dr. Albert Gonzales, Croydon, vice presidents; Dr. Anthony F. Myers, Blooming Glen, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Howard Purcell, Bristol, Dr. Elmer E. Pownall, Richboro and Dr. John A. Weierbach, Quakertown, censors.

State police of the Doylestown sub-station under the command of Corporal William Francis, raided the Moonshine Valley section of Haycock Mountain, arrested two bandits after a posse of police confronted them on a mountain trail...They stole 10 automobiles, robbed two stores and committed 26 other crimes before being captured and given a hearing in Doylestown.

Dr. Carmon Ross was reappointed lieutenant governor for 1931 of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis District at the national convention held in Chicago.

Hysteria and hatred that ate her mind until she became cold with determination to kill her husband, caused Mrs. Clara Grace Prophet, 32, of 5611 North Park Avenue, Philadelphia, to plot with her brother, Harold E. Williams, Warrington Township farmer, to put him out of the way.

After serving the First Baptist Church of Doylestown as pastor for three years, Rev. Eaton B. Freeman, resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Northampton, Mass.

TURKEY DAY, 1930: Art Kinney intercepted a forward pass and ran 55 yards for a touchdown for Doylestown High as Coach Bill Wolfe's eleven turned back a favored Lansdale High team, 7 to 0 before 4,000 persons at Lansdale...Members of the winning D-Town team were

Slaughter, Morgan, Elfman, Bricklemeyer, Nelson, Gwinner, Smith, Dardinski, Robinson and Kinney.

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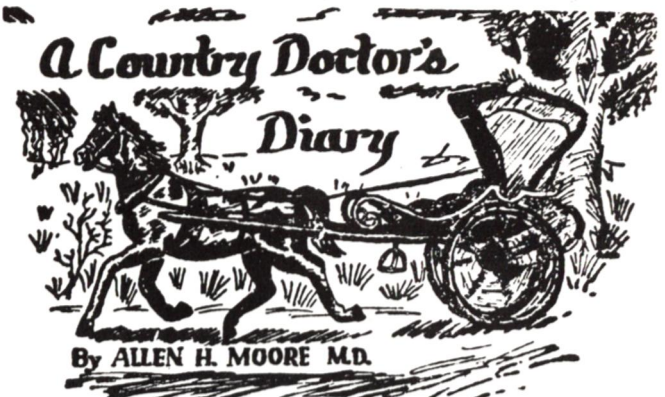
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Flag for a Soldier

"Dear old college-mate Pete," (began the letter to my son). "It's a long hike from Chapel Hill to Korea, but, buddy, I'm here just the same. There is a bit of a lull in the shooting for a moment, but these lulls are often ominous. It is freezing out here and the cold is difficult to combat, one's breath literally freezes in midair. We do not have the necessary military complements for this bloody mess, and if it were not for the emotional plunge into the business of survival the loneliness would be almost unbearable.

"Pete, my pal, do me a favor, will you? I want you to send to me the biggest Confederate flag you can get. Send it to me as soon as possible. The enemy is almost in 'spittin' distance of us, and they don't mind taking pot shots at us even when we are doing no more than writing a letter to an old school chum. I guess you wonder, in the midst of all of this serious war business, just what in the world I intend to do with a Confederate flag. I am going to let it fly right in the face of those boys across the line the minute it arrives. Do your best for me, Pete, won't you?"

At the risk of being trite one could say you can take a fellow out of college but you can't take college out of a fellow. No sooner had Pete received this appeal from his old college chum than he came to me for help.

"How can we get a Confederate flag for this boy, Dad?" Yes, really how could we? Here we were right in the heart of Yankee land, wishing for a rebel flag. But after all the boy wanted it and get it we would — somehow.

A letter was dispatched in the next mail to one of the largest flag-manufacturing plants in the world not too far distant from our home in Doylestown.

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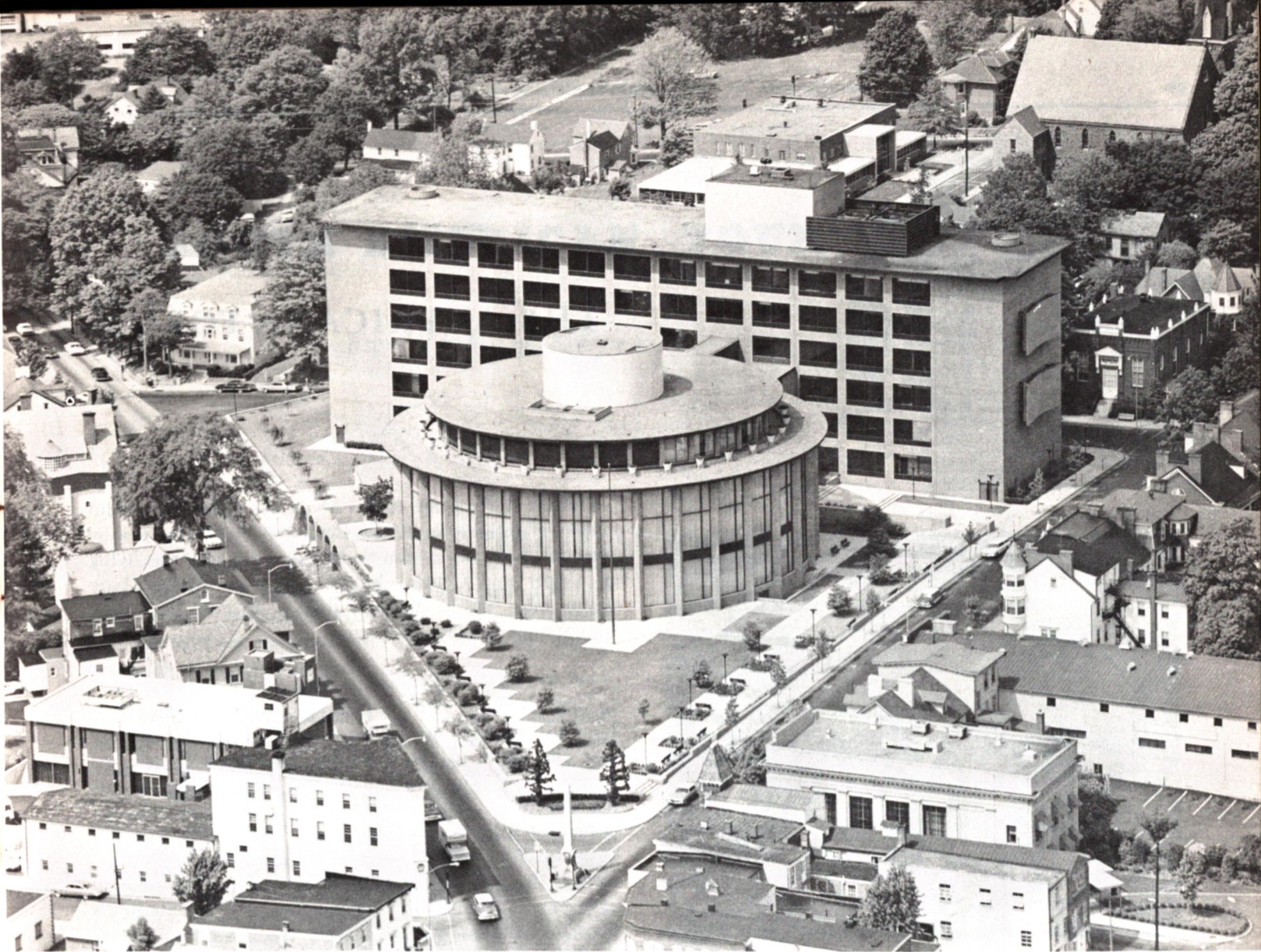


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THE AMERICANA FORUM

One of the strange truths about the many wonderful places of interest in Bucks County is that some nearby residents have never seen them. For many of those living in Upper and Central Bucks, a trip to Williamsburg seems more easily planned than a trip to Pennsbury Manor on a Sunday afternoon.

Yet it was to Pennsbury that hundreds of experts in art, history, and furnishings came last month — from all around our Eastern seaboard. For Pennsbury was the scene of the three-day Americana Forum, arranged by Dewey Lee Curtis, the curator. The visitors heard lectures, participated in workshops, examined every corner of the Manor, and even listened to a recital of colonial music. As a finale, they toured the County, visiting the Mercer Museum and Font Hill in Doylestown, as well as making stops in Newtown and Washington's Crossing. But the big attraction was Pennsbury Manor itself — a reconstruction of William Penn's beautiful country home, now open all year for everyone to appreciate.



Americana Forum participants share box lunches at the Mercer Museum.



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Our Feature Editor, on the Americana tour, searches for material at Font Hill.

SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

by William Keyes

PART III. CONCLUSION

(Ed. note: the following article is the conclusion of a series which Panorama asked Bucks County concert baritone William Keyes to write about his recent singing tour to western South America.

Following his description of the unusual preparations with a Peruvian pianist and the performance of their concerts in Lima, Peru, La Paz, Bolivia (where a revolution had taken place a week before the concert),

and Quito, Ecuador, Mr. Keyes commenced his discussion of his non-musical trips to several Peruvian cities, remote hamlets, and the best known Inca ruin areas of the highlands of the fabled Inca empire. He concluded with a description of his flight and visit to Cuzco, Peru, 11,000 feet up in the Andes, the former capital of the Inca empire.)

In the last article I described the pride of the Inca realm. Cuzco, with its fortress of perfectly fitted stone work, some of the stones weighing over 200 tons. I discussed the complex Inca road system totalling more than 10,000 miles, and the *chasqui* couriers, a system of communication faster than any in the world until the telegraph. I explained that it was readily apparent that the Incas were incomparably innate organizers and I promised to outline the fundamental aspects of this organization as well as my trip to the famous fortress city of Machu Picchu which became the refuge of the last Lord Inca after Cuzco and its huge treasure of gold and silver had been conquered by Pizarro. And I mentioned that I would conclude the article with a description of my visit to the primitive Uros Indians living on floating reed islands on the world's highest navigable body of water, Lake Titicaca.

Now, after this brief recapitulation, I will commence with an outline of the organization of the Inca Empire.

The *ayllu* was the basic social unit, an early collectivist principle upon which the Inca Empire was built. It was a clan of extended families living together in a restricted area with a common sharing of land, animals and crops. An *ayllu* was ruled by an elected leader and guided by a council of old men. A number of these scattered communes were dominated by a district leader; these in turn formed a territory, and finally they coalesced into what the Incas considered "one of the quarters of



One of Mu "totora" reed boats on Lake Titicaca



William Keyes with the peak of Machu (old) Picchu in the background

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the world” which was ruled by a prefect who answered only to the Lord-Inca himself in Cuzco.

The Lord-Inca was a plenary ruler. His divinity was very real. Yet his concern for the people too was very real for his position, wealth and power came from the people and their well-being. All of his officials were held to account for maladministration. The Lord-Inca was god and man, and any crime was at once disobedience and sacrilege. The Incas codified and systematized the moralities of the people. The Inca Empire was a functioning theocracy.

Although the Lord-Inca's royal concubines numbered into the hundreds and out of this fecundity flowed immense numbers of descendants of royal, “divine” blood, the Lord-Inca named as his successor the most competent of those sons from the head wife. This son accompanied the Lord-Inca on tours of the great empire; he went with the governors on their rounds; he took part in battles; he was soaked in ritual and immersed in Inca history.

The average Inca was a farmer-soldier; he was part of an agrarian militia and a call for so many heads could take him from his fields. Agriculture, however, was the soul of the Inca Empire. Under Inca rule, terracing of the Andean valleys was a systematic part of their method of soil preservation and soil creation on the steep slopes. Irrigation was tied closely with terracing, an Inca perfection.

Since they did not have money the Inca's taxes were in service called *mita*. The first *mita* was paid in the form of agricultural service; another form was work on government-controlled projects such as mines, road and bridge building or the building of temples or fortresses. *Mita* could be paid by the transport of military equipment or by service as litter bearers. And then there was a constant need for the specially trained runners for the *chasqui* courier service.

Now that I have described the fundamental aspects of the organization of the remarkable Inca Empire, I can proceed to tell you about my trip from Cuzco to the famous fortress city of Machu Picchu. Actually Machu Picchu was the last of a veritable chain of “hanging” fortress cities along the main route leading to Cuzco from the Amazon jungle, The Urubamba River. First I visited Pisac, guarding the upper Urubamba River, and further down this gorge, Ollantaytambo, traveling to both of these fortresses by car from Cuzco; they “hang” on the steep cliff walls of the river valley.

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To get to Machu Picchu you must leave Cuzco in the early morning on a single, diesel-powered, narrow gauge railroad car. To descend from Cuzco's 11,000 feet to the 7,000 feet Urubamba River valley the railroad car slowly traverses a complicated system of switchbacks.

I was excited to be going to the famous fortress city which had been ignored by civilization for more than 400 years because it was so well hidden in the cliffs 2000 feet vertically above the Urubamba valley. It wasn't discovered until 1911 by the American archeologist, Hiram A. Bingham.

As you come into the narrow Urubamba valley occasionally you can catch a glimpse of the snow-covered peaks in the distance and through the train windows admire the festoons of ferns, wild begonias and orchids; it is an unforgettable trip down the gorge.

After passing through many small indian villages we reached the tiny station at the point in the river nearest Machu Picchu. As I gazed up the 2000 feet to the area where the famous fortress lies I could see no evidence of its presence. It is no wonder that it was a successful hideout from the Spanish conquerors for the last Lord-Inca who fled there from Cuzco. The clouds kept floating through the peaks and I could understand why it has been called the "city of the clouds." It was apparent that for centuries inaccessible ranges that tower in the distance concealed and protected the Inca citadel.

We climbed into two small busses, crossed the river on a narrow bridge and started climbing another system of road switchbacks, very narrow with sharp curves and with no guard railings. After about a twenty-five minute climb, not without its moments of apprehension, we arrived at an area near the entrance to the fabled "hanging" fortress city.

Machu Picchu lies in a topographical saddle between the peaks of Machu (old) Picchu and Huayna (new) Picchu, its saddle position being one of the reasons that it cannot be seen from below.

It has well defined sectors — the agricultural sector, the sector of the nobles, the cemeteries, the aqueduct, the Palace of the Inca, the Military Tower, the large Sacred Plaza, The Temple, and The Sundial.

Amazingly complex are its terraces, strongly constructed gabled houses, various small temples, elaborate sacred plazas in addition to the main one, immense stone stairways, massive stone walls, and residential compounds employing various styles of architecture.

There are royal palaces and temples constructed of well-fitted granite ashlar, crude clan houses for the common people, barracks for the soldiers.

There were llamas (the closest that the Incas got to a domesticated animal) and alpacas grazing on the terraced spaces for crops which we were told could not have supported more than 500 people.

No other civilization constructed and maintained at such great heights and in such precarious positions such complex urban centers.

Since there is now a small government hotel near the sight of this "lost city of the Incas", I stayed until the afternoon of the next day, climbing around the well-preserved and spectacular ruins taking pictures with the sun at various angles. Heavy clouds drift in and out and it rains frequently and so you must be quick with your camera.

My singing tours having made it possible to visit the major areas of archeological interest in the world I would rank Machu Picchu among the most fascinating.

But now, after my return to Cuzco, I was off to Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, 12,500 feet high in the Andes on the Peru-Bolivia border, one of the most beautiful spots in the land of the ancient Incas. I was particularly anxious to visit the primitive Uros Indians who live on floating reed islands of this giant lake, 3,821 square miles in extent, nothing less than a small sea.

Descendants of the Incas still sail its waters, carrying out the customs of their fathers. But of all of the people who live on and around the lake the strangest are the Uros, who have hidden themselves away for centuries on the famous floating islands.

The Uros make their own islands from "totora", a grass reed which grows in the shallow areas of the lake. Walking on these spongy islands is rather like trying to walk on a feather bed and it's not an unlikely experience to step right through into the ice-cold lake water. The Uros claim that it is too cold and that they might get sick if they were to take baths.

Their homes, and the mats which they sleep on at night, are made from the same grass reeds. The "totora" also serves for building their boats and sails. The Uros even eat the roots of the reeds. The men spend the daylight hours catching fish, which serve as the principal part of their diet and their only means of livelihood. They vary their diet by eating it fresh, dried, or baked.

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The floating islands compare in elevation to some of the highest peaks in the United States. It is freezing cold every night of the year and even though the sun is bright during the day, it never gets warm.

The Uros live alone, intermarry, and have practically no visitors from the outside world except for a few curious tourists, or Indians from the mainland who come to barter for fish. Few of the men on the islands have ventured as far away as the nearest town, Puno, Peru, where I stayed, less than ten miles away.

These lonely people are very suspicious of the rest of the world and believe that the chief purpose of the white man is to poison their fish so they will die and the white man can take over the lake. Every man on the floating islands considers himself a witch doctor. Their gods are the sun and the moon. They have a dreadful fear of spirits.

I tried to take pictures of these people but they resisted, apparently being very afraid of the camera. After an hour or so we returned to Puno by motor launch, leaving behind a people who had a very small contact with the rest of the world on the reed islands of their lovely two-and-a-half-mile-high lake.

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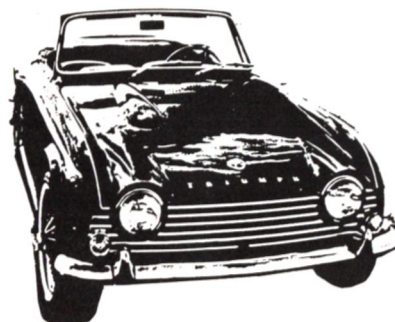
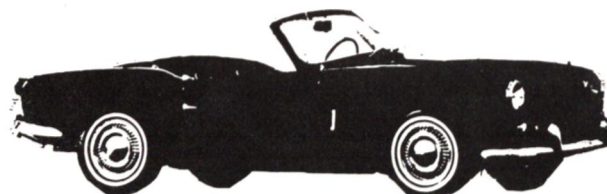
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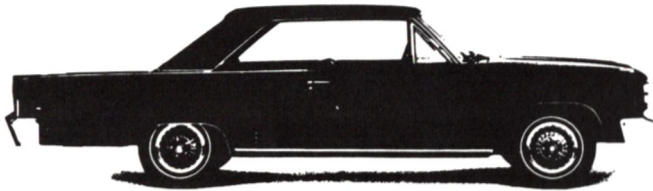


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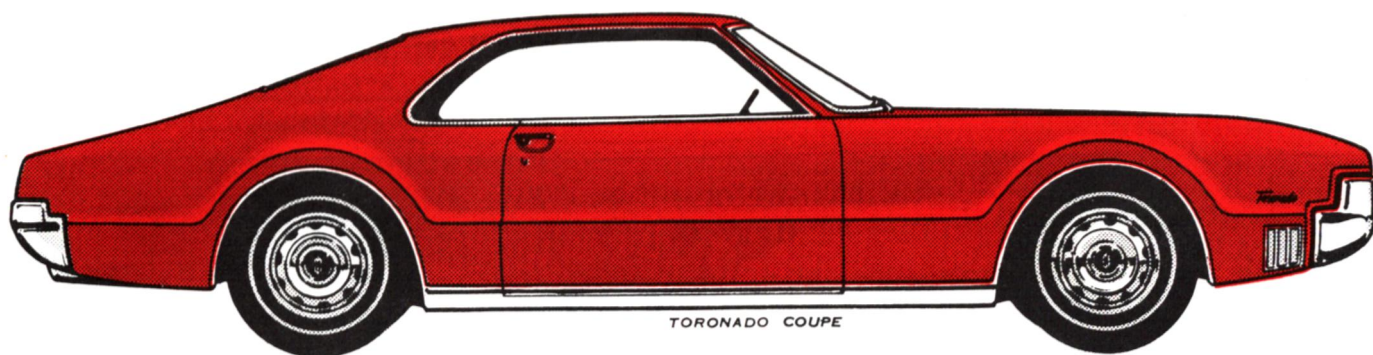


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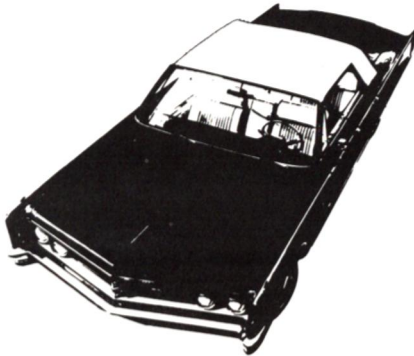
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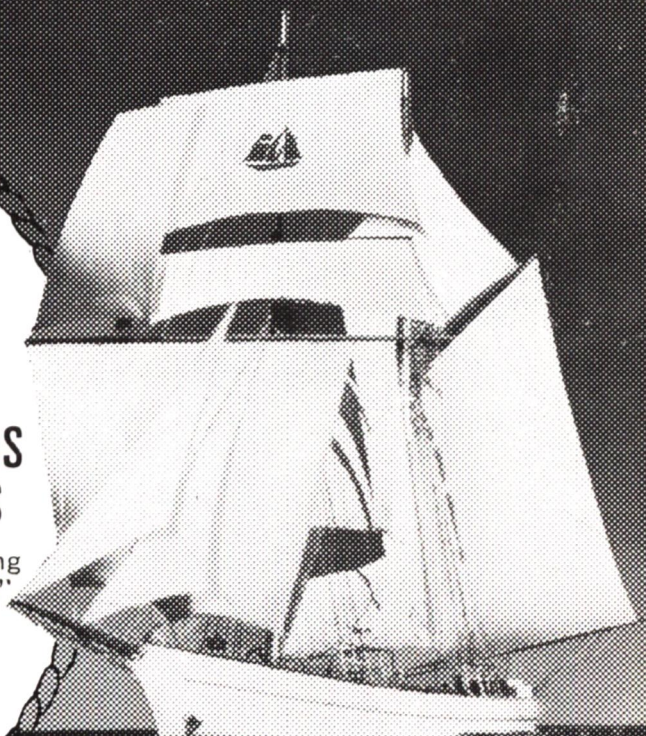
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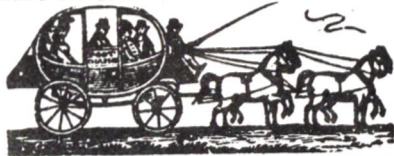
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It was not long before we received word from Pete's friend that the flag had arrived, unharmed, and was now flying from a provisional masthead. The chilling breeze of Arctic air unfurled this beautiful flag directly in front of the enemy lines.

The Americans have a new flag. What flag is it? Of course any real southerner could spot the stars and bars any time, anywhere — but not the enemy soldiers who were bent on killing men. Out went the enemy's reconnaissance planes. It took little time to report to headquarters that "the Americans have a new and unknown ally." Their intelligence department came up with that much, but little more. And indeed they did have an ally — thousands of sons from Dixieland who were happy to see their much-loved flag fly right along with the Stars and Stripes. The ghosts of Lee, and Jackson, and old Jeb Stuart rode across the frozen wastes of Korea.

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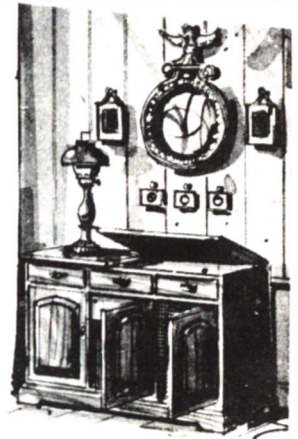
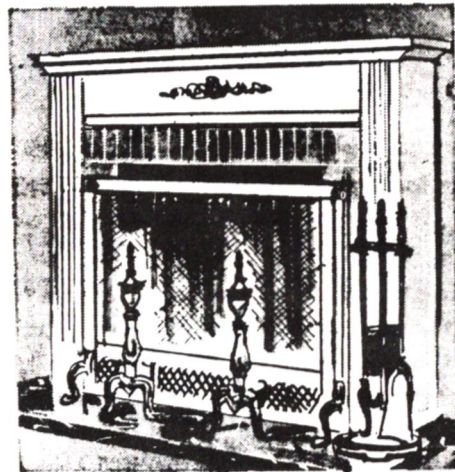
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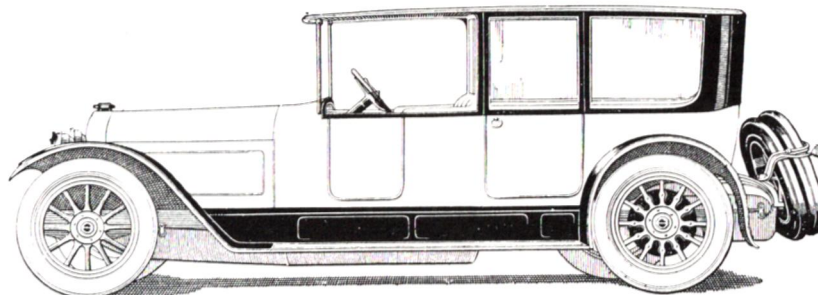
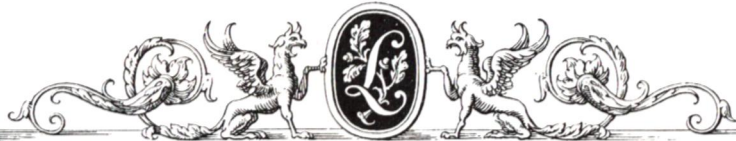
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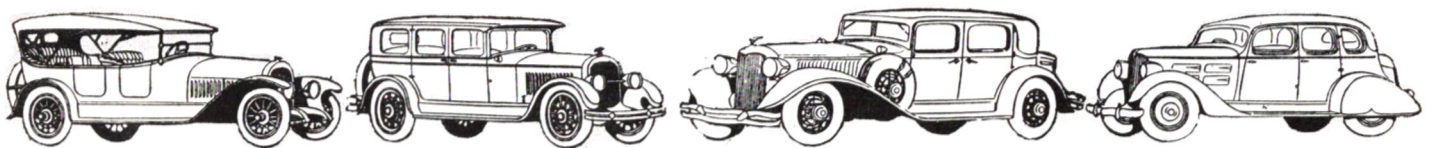
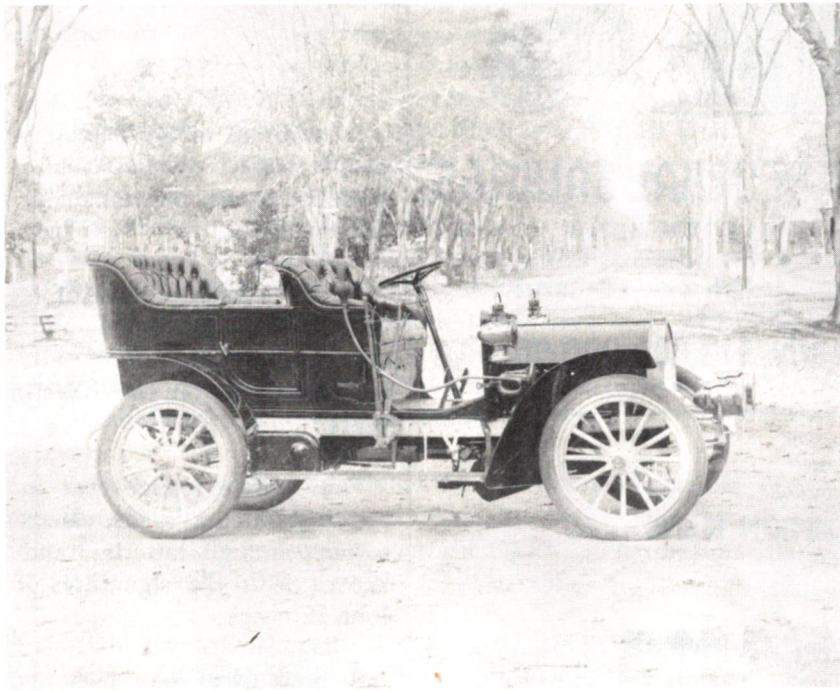
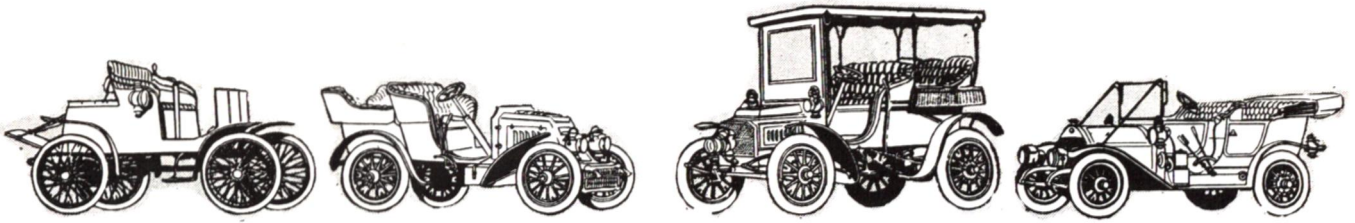
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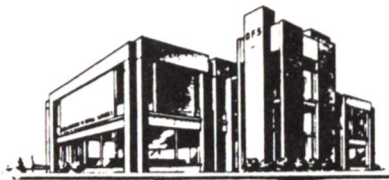




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Renewed Interest Shown
In Colonial Lottery Tickets

In addition to the regular series of U.S. coins, many people collect the unusual in numismatics, such as medals, tokens; paper money, transportation items and lottery tickets.

With the legalized sale of lottery tickets at the present time in New Hampshire, and with the expectation that other states will follow suit, a great deal of interest has been created in the collecting of old tickets of former years.

Few people realize that in the early period of our country, churches, roads, canals and universities all raised money through lotteries, and lottery tickets are even known with the signatures of George Washington and John Hancock.

A great deal has been written recently about the repairing and rebuilding of the famous Faneuil Hall in Boston, Massachusetts, and this brings to mind a lottery ticket of almost 200 years ago, the Faneuil Hall Lottery of June, 1765.

This lottery was granted by an act of the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts Bay for the rebuilding of Faneuil Hall, and these lottery tickets are signed by the famous John Hancock, whose outstanding signature on the Declaration of Independence has made him immortal in United States history.

Some early tickets may be purchased for as little as \$2 to \$3, while many of the rare ones with famous signatures could bring \$100 or more.

Research is being done by several specialists in this field, and no doubt will result in a reference book which will be of tremendous assistance and attract new collectors to this field.

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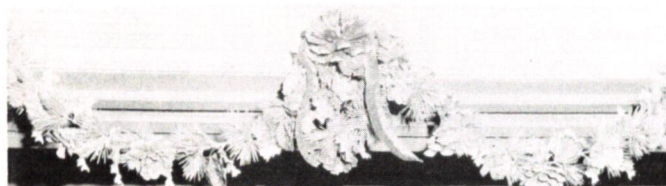
by Thalia Hammer

When the golden days of autumn lure us to the out-of-doors the time has come to start making Christmas decorations that keep. Wreaths, swags, small trees and other pieces can be made with cones, seed pods, berries and other dried materials. These are all around us at this time in endless variety. Pine cones of all kinds and sizes may be used in entirety or sliced with a small, sharp saw to yield lovely zinnia, marigold or daisy-like shapes. Cryptomeria pods can be used as clover with a dried shamrock-shaped leaf native to Panama. Florists' supply houses carry these latter, likewise the cotton-pods that are lovely in themselves and, when separated and wired, make excellent leaves. Invaluable in these decorations are the calyxes of cocoanuts which resemble roses, wide open or in bud.

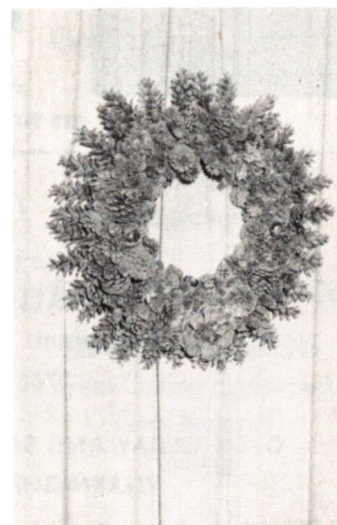
Variety of material produces the most interesting results in grouping your treasures to make swags or sprays of all sizes to be used as curtain tie backs, decoration for wooden boxes, or on all types of baskets.

On the tree-shaped plaque pictured on this page were used sections of pine, spruce and hemlock cones, three varieties of acorns, paulownia buds, cotton pods, horse chestnuts, sweet gum balls, cryptomeria, swamp alder buds, a peach stone and several almonds. These were glued to a cardboard base which was in turn mounted on a slightly larger piece of plywood edged with moss green velvet. The whole was then suspended from a small picture frame screw in the back.

In all of these decorations it is advisable to coat them with a clear, white shellac which not only helps to cement the whole, but vastly enriches the color.



This is the center portion of a large doorway garland, with sides drooping from corner rosettes similar to that in center.



The foundation for this wreath, pine cones already wired to a frame, may be purchased at a florist's supply house leaving the decoration for home addition.



The beauty of this plaque is enhanced by mounting it on a slightly larger piece of plywood edged with moss green velvet.



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But here and there a barb struck flesh. The article criticized the all number calling system, the policy of requiring a fifty-dollar deposit from some subscribers, and inequities in some rate structures.

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Why does the Bell system trust us in one county and not in another? Over in Montgomery County, on an extended service residence line, we can call twenty miles in one direction and talk all day for no extra charge. But the tolls run up like a taximeter for a two-mile call in the opposite direction to Bucks County. We understand a revision of rates is under way — it would seem a bit overdue!

Last, but not least, is all number calling. We have eagerly awaited the day when a few pushes (two or three, we were told) on our touch-tone units would be the equivalent of one digit to get out of the area, three to get elsewhere, seven to get to a dial-through board and four more to reach our friend. Meanwhile, our touch-tone has to be *punched* — (not just *touched*) and it can't keep up with us — even when we have to read the figures we can't remember. And, in Bucks, we still have to give the operator our number to record a toll charge between houses in the same neighborhood.

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On a rainy Friday (we guess the magic works as well in snow or sunshine) we drove across the Point Pleasant bridge and right in front of the big antique place and then across the canal to the spot where the bridge across the Delaware used to be. There we turned right to find Joe Butera's *Gobblers* — really the Bucks County jazz center — where the food is good, the antipasto plain yet varied, the lobster tails huge, and the stuffed shrimp well filled. The biscuit tortoni must come from a special source different from that which supplies (inadequately) half the modest needs of Delaware Valley. We had been told to see Joe by Bill Vincent who tracks revenue for ASCAP.

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Fridays, the food is available early, but the music begins about ten. There's a middle-age crowd, with a sprinkling of jazz-happy youngsters. The combo, in which Joe takes the bass, consists of Peggy ("Mother") Housel at the pianoforte; Dick Housel on sax; Clyde Walton, trumpet, Sherry Fritchman, trombone; and Harry Krohn on drums. Saturday the patronage is more mixed and crowded. Prices are moderate. The band does best on commercial jazz like *Can't Get Started* and *Muskrat Ramble*, but they'll play anything you ask — except the *Saints*, which is their theme and reserved for the finale. And its all just a bit different, and worth the trip.

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A few Saturdays ago we stopped at Stover Mill to see an exhibition of photographs by Dr. James Jay. A resident of Horseshoe Bend outside of Frenchtown, Dr. Jay is associate professor of orthodontics at Columbia University; his wife, Edith is a noted artist. One of the trustees of the mill, Mr. William Stover, explained that the doctor believes that the photographic medium is best utilized with "spur of the moment" techniques. Thus stimulated we got a new strobe for our camera.

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We stopped at Margots' food stand in Erwinna for the last corn of the season. While there, we bought some purplish vegetable — like a miniature broccoli, with cauliflower-like tops. Does anyone know what it is?

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Now that the election is over, we can report that we enjoyed meeting Bill Eastburn. He stopped in at a magistrates' hearing in Buckingham where we were a witness. Squire Clyde C. Leaver, Jr. restored our faith in the system of magistrates. Forced to overcome a physical handicap, (he types reports on an electric typewriter using a tool held in his teeth) he holds court from a wheelchair. He was most careful to protect the rights of the accused, to limit testimony to actual facts known by the witnesses, and finally ruled that the Commonwealth had not been able to prove its case.

In speaking to Squire Leaver beforehand, we asked why most people in Bucks County seemed to like the magistrate system, while Philadelphians were discontented. He praised the training program given magistrates. We might add that the quality of the persons so serving — and their lighter case-load, might be factors too.

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A favorite eating place in our area is Franz Bruggers' *Pipersville Inn*. Although the present building dates only from 1844, the inn has been popular since colonial days. They freely admit that George Washington never got there, but Ben Franklin, Lafayette, General Wayne, and Bishop White all did.

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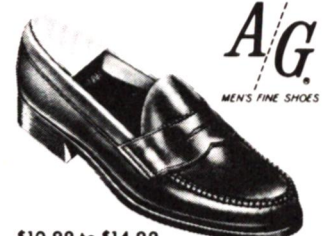
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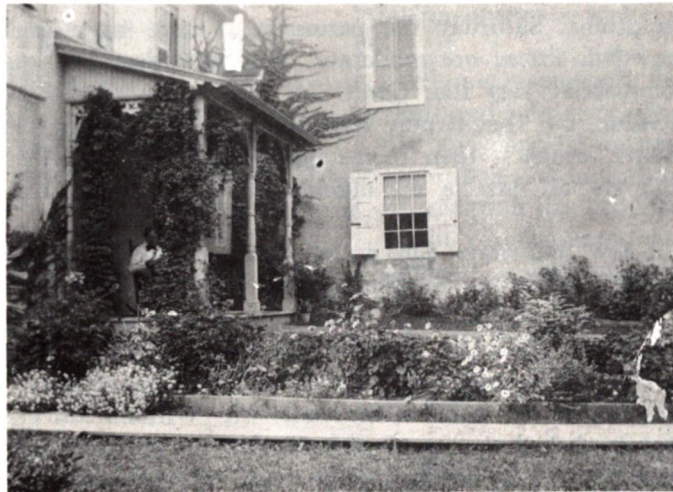
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The little house in the triangle as it appeared at the turn of the century.

Here we find another Catherine, a granddaughter of that first little Catherine. She is the wife of Henry Ullman and they are both dedicated to preserving the character and atmosphere of that little stone house. Their lawn and flower garden are bright spots on the triangle and a fitting tribute to the memory of Samuel Green and that other man, who gave of himself, that two little girls, wrapped in a paisley shawl, could be brought safely to a place of history in Doylestown.



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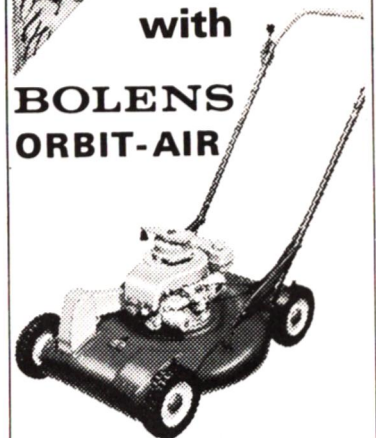
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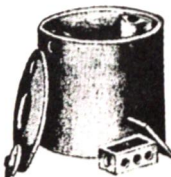
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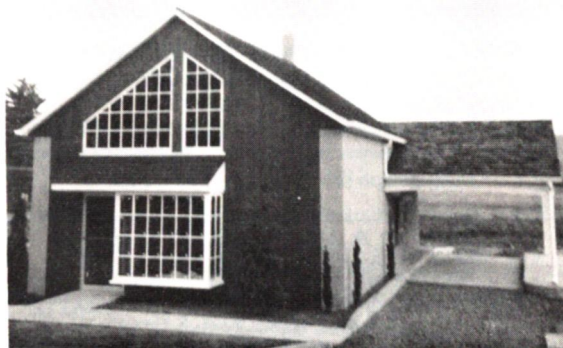
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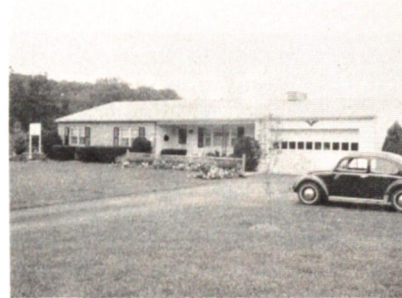


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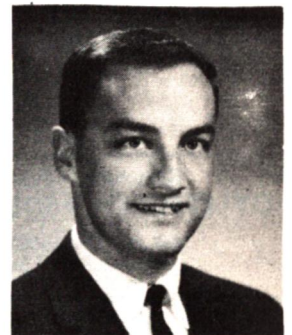
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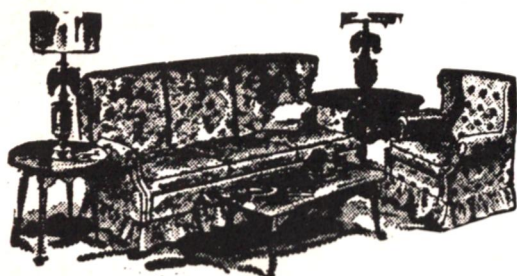
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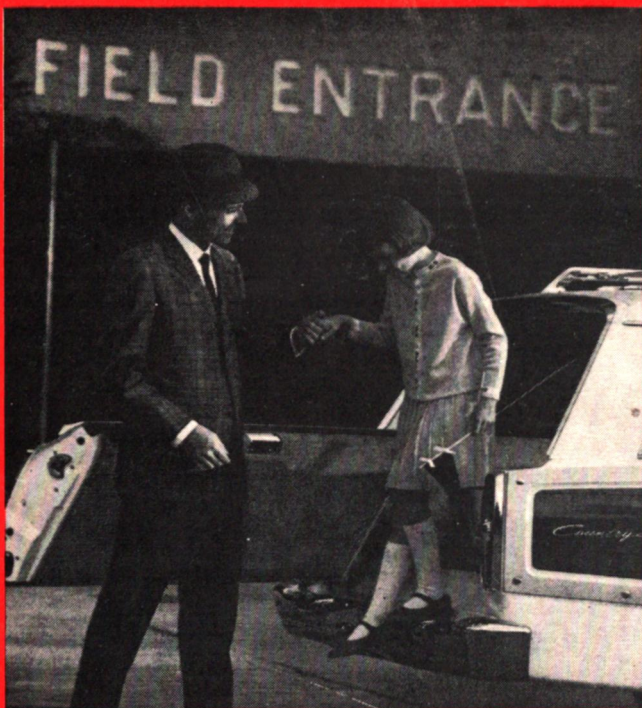
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